

Waterfowl Survey for the week of

November 6, 2008

Survey Areas	Ducks				Geese		
	Total	Mallards	Other Dabblers	Divers	Total	Dark	Light
Spirit Lake Areas	1400	43%	4%	53%	10000	100%	0%
Ruthven Areas	1900	43%	56%	1%	2600	100%	0%
Ingham Areas	1000	84%	7%	9%	7800	100%	0%
Black Hawk Lake	300	52%	43%	5%	0		
Bays Branch Areas	3100	45%	55%	0%	8800	100%	0%
Rice Lake Areas	4200	88%	11%	1%	16000	100%	0%
Big Marsh	6100	66%	33%	1%	2800	100%	0%
Sweet Marsh	3800	54%	46%	1%	600	267%	0%
Green Island	6500	93%	7%	0%	6500	100%	0%
Princeton	800	50%	50%	0%	0		
Lake Odessa Areas	13400	38%	61%	0%	2000	100%	0%
Coralville Areas	2300	88%	12%	0%	200	100%	0%
Otter Creek	4600	33%	63%	4%	200	100%	0%
Saylorville Areas	1400	49%	51%	0%	400	100%	0%
Red Rock	1600	31%	69%	0%	200	100%	0%
Rathbun Areas	4700	26%	40%	34%	5100	98%	2%
Lake Icaria	300	68%	31%	2%	500	100%	0%
Union County Areas	1200	68%	20%	12%	700	100%	0%
Lake Sugema	100	59%	41%	0%	0		
Missouri River Oxbows	1900	80%	19%	1%	4300	100%	0%
Riverton/Forney	8200	37%	38%	25%	100	100%	0%
Total	68300	53%	39%	7%	68400	102%	0%

Weather and migrations during the survey period:

Unseasonably high temperatures and dry conditions continued until Wednesday when heavy scattered rains crossed the state. Rain continued Thursday, switching to snow on Friday as temperatures returned to near normal for this time of the year. By noon Friday snowfall covered the northern two thirds of the state. This system dropped heavy snows across much of North Dakota and western South Dakota. While the Dakotas received northerly winds, the location of the low pressure center associated with this slow moving front has left most of Iowa with southerly and westerly winds. Few if any migrating birds have been reported this period.